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Yikes! A bit of a short **LOGGERS BARK** this month... Too many irons in the fires I guess... This is the transition month from crummy summer WX to wonderful, wet Washington WX!

So, get your boots on, and lets get going! Much DX to be worked in the fall, and believe it or not, there was at least one sunspot reported this last month! About time, HUH?

Speaking of DX, and contests, the Slammin Salmon run is history... They reported working most of the Washington counties, and your generous



Pledges have generated approximately four thousand dollars! **WAY TO GO RCT!!!**

This will fund much needed repairs and general improvements around the mighty W7DK.

Speaking of which, we seem to be on a roll, contest wise. So in that vein, don't forget that the mighty 'DK will be participating in the November Sweep Stakes contest sponsored by the ARRL. One of the oldest contests in the service! If you wish to participate, let AL N7OMS know, and we will set you up with a shift.

From Worth, W7WG:

This picture is of our most recent 1st Saturday Breakfast, besides Al KJ7UI, me, Tom N7QHX, and Alan W7AML is Al Hurse KD7YII.

Read more from Worth beginning on page 10.

73 for now, Gary WG7X



Radio Club of Tacoma

Board Meeting 3 September, 2008

The RCT Board meeting was held at the Radio Club of Tacoma club house. Vice President Jill Palmer K7JIL called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

Officers and board members present:

Vice President: Jill Palmer – K7JIL

Secretary: Larry Watson -- KD4VOM

Board Member: Al Burleson -- K7HW

Board Member: Bob Purdom – AD7LJ

Board Member: Frank Palmer – AC7JY

Board Member: Gary Kohtala – K7EK

A sign in sheet with the names of members and guests is attached. There were names on the attendance roster.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

The minutes of the previous Board meeting were approved as coordinated/corrected by e-mail.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Larry Watson – KD4VOM

Correspondence: Larry reported the usual bank statements, utility bills and several Salmon Run Pledge responses.

A copy of the correspondence log is attached to the original copy of the minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Gary McFadden – K7UPG

Larry KD4VOM provided a report on the latest checking account statement

A copy of the financial statement is attached to the original copy of the minutes.

ILLNESS AND SILENT KEY: Al K7HW reported on the progress of Joanne Souter WA4KZQ who continues to recover.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership: Rick KE7EMW reports the current membership count is 297

Hamfest: Bob AD7LJ reports that the Hamfest activities are completed. He made a personal presentation to the Civil Air Patrol for their assistance. We are waiting the final invoice for custodial services. It is expected that the final accounting will have yielded over \$ 3,000.00 in total Hamfest and Country Store income.

Larry KD4VOM advised we still need the club

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property accounting to determine what the club realized from sale of donated property and to make the necessary entries in the property inventory database to reflect sold items.

Al K7HW reminded all that the account should be audited within 60 days and Frank AC7LJ pointed out that we need to start now to identify a Hamfest Manager for next year.

VE Testing: Larry KD4VOM corrected the VE testing date on the agenda... It should read 9 September.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Internet Resources Team Operating Procedures: Larry KD4VOM moved that the Board approved the Internet Resources Team Standard Operating Procedure distributed for review and comment at the August Board meeting.

The motion to Approve the Internet Resources Team Standard Operating Procedure as submitted was made, seconded and passed.

Salmon Run: Rick KE7EMW reports that we are receiving responses from our Pledge Drive mailing. We also know that some have not received the letters. We expect some responses to be made at Open House or meetings or directly to Officers. Rick provided envelopes for officers and placed some at the clubhouse to facilitate the acceptance of pledges/responses.

Animals in the Clubhouse: Rick KE7EMW offered two signs to be used to alert visitors to the clubhouse that pets, except for service animals, are not permitted in the clubhouse.

A recommendation was made to provide a frame on both doors to permit the signs to be inserted when the club was in use, and removed when the clubhouse was closed.

Copy Machine Disposition: Larry KD4VOM, because we have been unable to contact Mick KK7QS, recommended that we dispose of the old machine. **A motion was made, seconded and passed to take necessary action to properly recycle/dispose of the copy machine.**

Open House: There was a general discussion of the club's open house policy and procedure. As of the start of this meeting there were no qualified volunteers to handle any of the September Saturday Open Houses. At the Meeting several offered to cover the last Saturday (27 September) as well as a couple to handle this Saturday the 6th if their schedules would permit.

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Open House is a traditional club activity where we socialize, welcome guests, pick up new members and donations, and generally let the community know who we are and what we do. All of our promotional literature and pamphlets show us open every Saturday.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Nomination/Election Process: Larry KD4VOM on behalf of the planning team provided a detailed review of the Club's Election process, including selection of the Nomination Committee; the qualifications required and sought in our leaders and a description of the duties and responsibilities of the offices up for election this year and the calendar of Nomination/Election activities.

Nomination Committee recommendations: At the August Board meeting it was agreed that the Officers and Board would submit their list of candidates for the Nomination Committee to the President.

The responses to this call were:

Al Burleson, K7HW

Al Ferguson N7OMS

Ken Gibson, N7ELF

John Hamilton, AD7AW

Chuck Kemmer AC7QN

Gary McAdams WG7X

Lynn Neese K7OKS

Doug Oakman AD7AV

Rich Patrick KR7W

Rick Rose KE7EMW

Chuck Souter, KA7HJN

Bob Vandenheuvel, KE7ECQ

Larry Watson KD4VOM

Pat Wingerter WT7N

Nick Winter, K7MO

Harry Wong N7DOE

Motion was made seconded and passed to recommend this list of candidates for the Nomination Committee to the President for her action.

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Annual Dues Review: Al K7HW reminded the Board that the Bylaws require the Board to review and set annual membership dues by the November Board Meeting.

Motion was made, seconded and passed to maintain the Radio Club of Tacoma membership dues at their current level.

Mady Bergstahler N7SEW has asked to remain on the W7DK mailing list and would like to have SK Alan N7BF's remaining membership be changed to her. Alan before he passed on asked Mady to continue doing the things they loved to do together. Mady was a great breakfast chef at Field Day this year. **A motion was made, seconded and passed to grant the remainder of Alan N7BF's Radio Club of Tacoma membership to Mady as a one time recognition of Alan and Mady's special contributions to the club.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

DISCUSSION TOPICS:

RCT Network Installation: Larry KD4VOM reports that work is progressing well in the installation and termination of the network cabling. We also have several donated computers which are planned to replace the inoperative HF Room computer, the general purpose compute on the second floor, add a computer to the Classroom area, and perhaps another for Club Administration. Coming up will be the relocation of the upstairs cable/internet access to the downstairs equipment rack area.

Property Management: Larry KD4VOM reports that a Property Management draft is nearing completion to circulate to the Board for their review. With this meeting's approval of the Internet Resources Team SOP, the Property Management SOP is need to document our property management procedures as well as provides the processes for selection and approval of property to be sold or auctioned.

Lawn Mower: Bob K7MXE has returned his garage keys and believes the lawnmower remains unsafe to use.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm

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Board Meeting 1 October, 2008

The 1 October 2008 RCT Board meeting was held at the Radio Club of Tacoma club house. President Jill Palmer K7JIL called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm

Officers and board members present:

President: Jill Palmer – K7JIL

Vice President: Rick Rose KE7EMW

Secretary: Larry Watson -- KD4VOM

Treasurer: Gary McFadden – K7UPG

Board Member: Al Burleson -- K7HW

Board Member: Frank Palmer – AC7JY

Board Member: Al Lentz – W7AML

A sign in sheet with the names of members and guests is attached. There were 13 names on the attendance roster.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

The minutes of the previous Board meeting were approved as coordinated/corrected by e-mail.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Larry Watson – KD4VOM

Correspondence: In addition to the normal utility bills and bank statements, Larry reported receiving the adjusted Hamfest Bethel Jr. High facility use billing which has been significantly reduced. Steve – AD7VL reported that the original bill was not a mistake, but was negotiated down as a result of our assumption that the cost would be similar to that of previous years. Although this year's bill was reduced, "we're on notice that it will be higher next year."

A copy of the correspondence log is attached to the original copy of the minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Gary McFadden – K7UPG

ILLNESS AND SILENT KEY: Jill K7JIL reports having sent a sympathy card to Victoria L Arena – KB9DIZ, XYL of the late John S Arena – KB7TGE (SK)

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership: Rick KE7EMW reports the current membership count is 297 and is awaiting Mady Bergstahler N7SEW's membership application as approved by the Board at the 3 September 2008 meeting.

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VE Testing: Next scheduled testing session will be on Tuesday, 14 October

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Field Day Hamfest Signs: Roger KE7EMV and Steve AD7VL reported on their research and proposal to build new RCT event signs. A comprehensive report was delivered by both members of the team, including diagrams, drawings, materials listing and costs. Following their presentation considerable discussion ensued touching on topics of how many signs do we need, size, color combinations, cost and theft prevention. The Sign team recommended spending \$50.00 each to produce two signs and then decide how many would be needed and if there were changes required. The Board was unable to come to a conclusion on how to proceed. The Planning Team offered to work on resolving the remaining problems and come back to the Board at the next meeting. Time is not pressing since the next major use of the signs would likely be for Field Day next June.

Roger KE7EMV and Steve were thanked for their excellent research and proposal; they did exactly what the Board asked them to do.

Internet Resources Team Operating Procedures: Chuck AC7QN asked about the status of the IRT SOP... Larry KD4VOM responded that the SOP was approved at the last Board meeting and a copy will be sent to Chuck.

Salmon Run: Rick KE7EMW reported that pledges are coming in and that if all the pledges made are honored, the Salmon Run Fundraiser should result in \$ 4060.52. Rick reports that over 100 members pledged representing about 34% of the current membership.

Rick noted that recent SK John Arena KB7TBG's XYL had sent a Salmon Run donation in the amount of \$ 25.00. A special thank you letter will be prepared to thank her for this special appreciation of John's interest in Amateur Radio and The Radio Club of Tacoma.

Rick pointed out that Don Hatlestead AC7FA needs a donation acknowledgment for the 5 Salmon Run he donated T-Shirts for auction in support of the Salmon Run fund raiser. The Secretary will provide the donation acknowledgment.

Rick also reminded us that there is a Salmon Run donation pledge which is contingent on a specific use. Unfortunately accepting donations for a dedicated or specific use is against Club policy. After some discussion it was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved that the Secretary will articulate the current Club policy on dedicated or directed donation use to inform the general membership as well as to respond directly to the potential Salmon Run donor on options they might entertain to resolve the conflict with their request and the Club's policy.

Larry KD4VOM recommended that it is now time to form a Team to review the Club's needs and recommend projects to be funded by the Salmon Run proceeds. He recommended Rick Rose KE7EMW, Al Ferguson N7OMS, Rich Patrick KR7W and Chuck Kemmer AC7QN take up this task.

NEW BUSINESS:

Awards and Christmas Banquet: Rick KE7EMW

Rick KE7EMW reports that Rich N7ANF has made reservations for our Annual Awards Banquet and Christmas Party at the TACID facility for Saturday 13 December from 5:30 to 9 pm. The Board approved an advance for the Facility rental fee as a recurring and normal bill.

Jill K7JIL reminded all that we need someone to head up the annual Doc Spike inspirational award. Al Lentz W7AML agreed to head up the Doc Spike Award selection team for this year.

Rick KE7EMW opened a discussion on the Club's recognition of service by its Presidents. After discussion, the **Motion: That the Radio Club of Tacoma establish a tradition of presenting a ceremonial gavel with an inscription plate containing the name, call, and term of service to outgoing Presidents at the Annual Awards Banquet, or other suitable occasion. The Motion was seconded and passed.**

Scouting Jamboree: Steve AD7VL

The local Scouting districts and councils have traditionally conducted Camporee/Jamborees in conjunction with the national scouting organization in October. This year the National Scouting Camporee/Jamborees will be conducted on October 17-18-19. However, the local Scouting councils have elected not to participate. The ARRL annually supports Scouting Camporee/Jamborees with their Jamboree On The Air

(JOTA) program.

Steve AD7VL proposes that since there will not be a local Jamboree/Camporee to support, that we invite local council/troops and scouts to join us at the Radio Club of Tacoma Clubhouse for an orientation to Amateur Radio, visit our Museum and have an opportunity to participate in the Nationwide ARRL JOTA exercise. The Board Moved to support Steve's proposal. Steve agreed to contact the local scouting agencies and determine if they are interested and how many we might expect to visit. The project was envisioned to happen on Saturday the 18th from around 10 am to 6pm and perhaps Sunday if there is sufficient interest. Steve will let us know by the 8 October Membership Meeting what his research turns up.

It was noted that the PSK 31 Station which needs repair might be of particular interest to the Scouts.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Open House: Larry KD4VOM reported that the 4 and 11 October Open House dates have been filled by Steve Morton AD7AB, and the 23rd Date has been filled by Bob Purdom AD7LJ. Al Lentz W7AML offered to take the 18 October date.

DISCUSSION TOPICS:

Nomination/Election Process: Chuck Kemmer AC7QN attended the meeting and reported that the Nomination Committee will present their recommendations at the 8 October General Membership Meeting. The team welcomes recommendations from any of the Officers or Board members.

Lawn mowing: Larry KD4VOM reopened the issue of the Lawnmower. After general discussion, Larry agreed to contact Bob Heselberg K7MXE to ask him for recommendations.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm

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General Meeting 10 September 2008 MINUTES

The 10 September 2008 Monthly Membership meeting was held at the Pierce County Library Administration Building. . President Randy Thompson AD7FF called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Officers and board members present:

President: Randy Thompson AD7FF
Vice President: Jill Palmer – K7JIL
Secretary: Larry Watson -- KD4VOM
Treasurer: Gary McFadden – K7UPG
Board Member: Frank Palmer – AC7JY
Board Member: Al Burleson – K7HW
Board Member: Al Lentz – W7AML
Board Member: Bob Purdom – AD7LJ

A sign in sheet with the names of members and guests is attached. There were 45 names on the attendance roster

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Was led by President Randy Thompson AD7FF

INTRODUCTIONS:

Self introductions were completed and guests welcomed.

ILLNESS OR SILENT KEY: No reports

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Larry Watson – KD4VOM

Correspondence: Larry reports the normal utility bills and bank statements and a handful of QSL cards.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Gary McFadden – K7UPG, Financial information is available.

NEW BUSINESS

Nomination Committee: President Randy Thompson AD7FF announced the appointment of this year's Nomination Committee Gary McAdams WG7X as chairman, Chuck Kemmer AC7QN and Worth Gurley W7WG as members... It is time to select the best candidates to run for President, Treasurer and two Board Positions.

Please contact the Committee if you are interested in being considered for one of these jobs.

Resignation: President Randy Thompson AD7FF announced that for personal reasons he has submitted his resignation as President of the Radio Club of Tacoma effective at the end of tonight's general membership meeting.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership: Jill Palmer – K7JIL/ Rick Rose KE7EMW indicates the membership stands at 297, but will increase to 298 when Mady Bergstaher N7SEW submits her application to continue SK Alan N7BF's remaining annual membership, a special case which was approved by the board.

VE Report: Bob Purdom AD7LJ reported that once again the VE's outnumbered the candidates by a margin of three to one. At Tuesday, September 9th session four candidates took 9 elements with five being passed. Two technicians joined the ranks of the Amateur radio service and two upgraded to General. Thanks to VE's

PROGRAM: Ken Gibson, N7ELF introduced Maury Kurtz KD7VJX who presented an interesting program on his experience installing, tuning and operating from Mazatlan with an MFJ 1798 Vertical Antenna. Last winter Maury assembled, erected and tuned his MFJ 1798 on a rooftop in Mazatlan. His presentation included his first hand experience in the sometimes complicated assembly of the antenna, including several work-arounds developed on site using his own ingenuity and available materials. Maury discussed the physical and electrical design of the antenna along with the assistance he received from the MFJ folks. Maury presented several comparisons, some between MFJ's promotional ads and his experience, and another limited study that compared several other vertical antennas. Maury also described his shack at Mazatlan and many of the contacts he was able to make once the antenna was up and running. Maury said, in the end, he was pleased with the antenna's performance and plans to purchase another for his QTH here.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Salmon Run: Al Ferguson N7OMS reminded folks of the upcoming Western Washington DX Club "Salmon Run" contest. All are invited to come join the fun at the Clubhouse on September 20/21 to operate, socialize and especially on Saturday evening to help celebrate Worth W7WG's 90th Birthday.. If you can get out to some hard to contact county you'll have a great time.

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.. This year's rules have changed a bit and your contacts can help us compete in the "Club" category where all contacts logged by members of the club will accumulate to compete against other clubs.

Rick KE7EMW reports we are getting some reports that all have not received this year's pledge letters. Please let us know if you haven't received the letter and pledge form. Rick has some with him for those who need them. And please respond, even if you are unable to participate, to avoid a call to check and see if you received the mailing.

Kudos: Steve Blacksten AD7VL wanted to recognize and thank Jay KD7DKY who spent a day helping to do the price tags for the W7RQU SK consignment items and to Leonard KA7NWF for creating the nice nametag for the W7DK at the Fair Booth.

Tuning and Traffic:

David AD7BK reports having contacted Puerto Rico a few days ago on 20 meters.

Door Prize: Si KA7AQT won the desk lamp door prize donated by Leonard KA7NWF.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 pm

VE REPORT John AC7WW

The Volunteer Examiners outnumbered the candidates three to one on Tuesday evening, September 9th. Twelve VE's and four candidates were at the clubhouse of the Radio Club of Tacoma for the monthly testing session. A total of nine elements were graded with five being passed. One candidate passed the technician test and the general test. The VE team total was; two technicians and two generals.

Thanks to the following volunteer examiners for their time:

Harry, W7HSA	Steve, AD7VL
Al, AC7BU	Jon, AD7AW
Bill, AB7WJ	Gary, K7EK
Stephen, AD7AB	Bob, AD7LJ
Mike, AD7TH	Rodney, WV7O
Bill, AD7QI	

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General Meeting Minutes September 24th 2008

The 24 September 2008 Monthly Membership meeting was held at the Pierce County Library Administration Building. . President Jill Palmer K7JIL called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Officers and board members present:

President: Jill Palmer – K7JIL

Vice President: Rick Rose – KE7EMW

Secretary: Larry Watson -- KD4VOM

Treasurer: Gary McFadden – K7UPG

Board Member: Frank Palmer – AC7JY

Board Member: Al Burleson – K7HW

Board Member: Al Lentz – W7AML

A sign in sheet with the names of members and guests is attached. There were 39 names on the Attendance Roster.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Was led by President Jill, K7JIL

INTRODUCTIONS:

Self introductions were completed and Guests welcomed, James Hatfield KE7VWI announced receipt of his new call.

ILLNESS OR SILENT KEY: There were no reports of illness or silent key

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Larry Watson – KD4VOM

Correspondence: Larry announced the usual utility bills and bank statements. He also noted the Hamfest facility use bill which was a surprise at over \$ 600, but which had been negotiated down to around \$ 300 by Steve AD7VL. We are awaiting the replacement bill.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Gary McFadden – K7UPG, had financial information available.

NEW BUSINESS

Non appeared

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership: Rick Rose KE7EMW reported the membership standing at 297

PROGRAM:

Ken Gibson N7ELF introduced tonight's two programs. Larry KD4VOM's overview of the Radio Club of Tacoma's nomination and election process, followed by Ken's review of the Club's meeting programs history and opening a discussion of what the membership would like to see in future programs.

DISCUSSION TOPICS:

Salmon Run:

There were several reports on the Salmon Run project. Rick KE7EMW reported that the Club made contacts with 34 of the 39 Washington State Counties, and if we realize all of the currently know pledges, the Salmon Run fund raiser is expected to bring in nearly \$ 4000.00.

Don AC7FA announced that the Salmon Run polo shirts auction bids can still be made and the winner will be announced at the end of tonight's meeting and the proceeds will be donated to the Club's Salmon Run fund raiser.

Don AC7FA provided an overview of the N7PP contest club participation in this year's Salmon Run. N7PP worked all counties, worked all states minus RI, worked all provinces minus AB and NT, and worked 100 DX contacts with more than 40 of them SSB.

Location was in Garfield County, 46deg 7min 30.21sec N by 117deg 28min 39.12sec W. Grid square: DN16gd.

The USGS calls the place Mount Misery and has the elevation listed as 6,368 ft. I don't think they were at the top but certainly above 6,000 ft. according to the GPS. The weather at the camp started at 85F on Thursday, went up to about 90F on Friday, and dropped like a stone Saturday. They endured rain for about 12 hours on Saturday and the temperature was down to 35 deg on Sunday morning. When they left on Sunday, the temperature was 38F.

They ran high power off of generators at two stations; one SSB and one CW. Antennas were 2 element SteppIRs, 40M dipoles, and 80M dipoles.

The same antennas were used at both the SSB and CW stations. All contacts were made on 20, 40, and 80M. They tried on 15M for a while but heard nothing.

N7PP operators were: Nick, K7MO; Harry, K7LAZ; Clay, K7CR; Linda, KE7FKX; and Don, AC7FA

Alan, W7AML, used their camp as home base for his own Salmon Run mobile effort. Al reported once more on the dramatic weather changes and the fact that Mt. Misery lived up to its name.

Harry W7HSA commented on the great Salmon Run Potluck at the Clubhouse and especially the celebration of Worth W7WG's 90th birthday.

The members sang "Happy Birthday" to Worth.

W7DK @ the Fair: Bill Lucas KB7IHB commented on the great job done by Pat W7TN and her team at the Fair... Well Done... Jill K7JIL also reported having a great time and actually contacting Hawaii while serving her tour at our booth. She also enjoyed the PSK 31 operations. Worth W7WG reported visiting with Roger and Kathleen Nace both of whom are past officers of the Club now residing in Arizona.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Steve AD7VL reported on the new hotel key technology as well as a tip to use tape on the side of a screwdriver to remember band tuning points.

The Salmon Run Polo Shirt Auction Winners were: Pete KK7QW; Tim KE7MEW; Ken N7ELF; Al N7OMS, and Cynthia KE7NXM

Tuning and Traffic:

Worth reported a contact with W7KL of Vancouver who is six months older than Worth and secured his first Ham license three months earlier than Worth...Worth also reported on recent activity on the Collins net, Check it out on Google...

Jill K7JIL asked about reservations for the annual Awards and Christmas banquet, and reminded folks that we are soliciting recommendations for the annual Doc Spike Inspirational Award.

Door Prize: None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:51

Happy Birthday October

Day	Name	Call	RCT Number
1	Bill Watson	W9BYH	1806
2	Al Ross	KE7AWV	2255
2	Larry Smith	KD7RKX	2170
3	Jimmie Martin	WB5K	2230
5	Lee Webb	KC7VAA	1956
6	Jane Clark	KD7UKQ	2224
7	Chris Buck	KE7LDE	2328
11	Barbara Phillips	N7FWA	1126
11	Del Chase	KB7PKI	1623
13	Bill Bonnell	K7PKM	516
14	Del Kohler	W7JG	559
14	Milton Loflin	KD7GUD	2048
15	Angie Stann	KE7RTA	2359
15	Brandon Ornellas	KE7RVX	2366
17	Tom Sadler	KC7UFX	2020
18	Jill Palmer	K7JIL	1909
21	Gail Wolvin	KB7UON	2080
22	Casey Hicks	WY7V	797
22	Dawn Pier	KC7VZM	1968
24	Kermit Thompson	W7PMR	2007
26	Bill Wright	AD7QI	2331
27	Armin Keen	N7JAJ	1171
29	Andy Willms	KE7RTB	2360
29	Roger Terwilliger	WA7ANJ	1618

And now... A bit from Worth...

Thank You everyone for all those Happy Birthday wishes in-person, via cards, on the radio or via telephone!!

This could be entitled as a modern day "Museum Musings" piece without the Museum or a word from one of its still-living exhibits, but I have not hung around the museum enough in recent times to make that legitimate.

A few months ago Rich KR7W alluded to me as the originator of "Museum Musings". I intended to tell him that Kathleen Nace, editor of the Bark for years, was the author, but as I was on duty at the RCT Fair Booth, Roger and Kathleen Nace suddenly appeared.

It was a pleasant surprise for me as I had not seen them for years, so in our reminiscences I mentioned that story about the Musings. They informed me that Roger actually was the author, so Rich will have to send any royalties for the use of that term to him! By another happy coincidence Jill showed up while they were there. Jill, who just succeeded to the position of President of our Radio Club of Tacoma, realized that she was meeting the only other woman president of our Club in its history. Kathleen was a great president for several years.

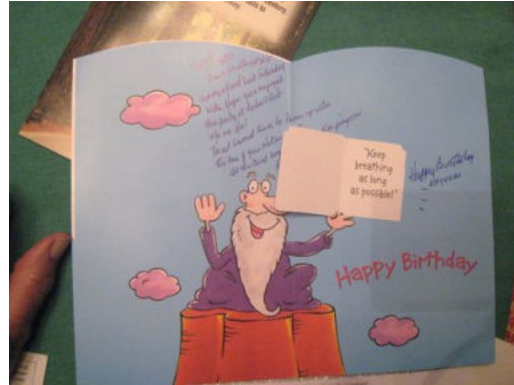
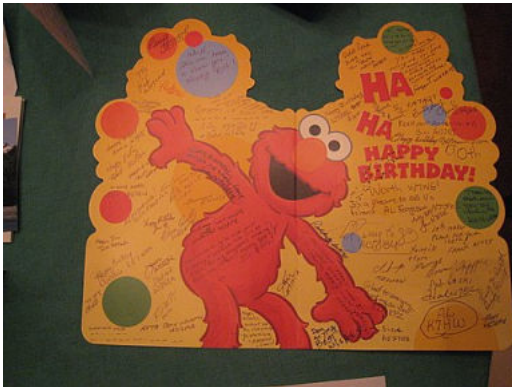
With the almost inevitable arrival of my 90th birthday XYL Marian was worried that no one would notice. Several of our friends had been having huge bashes with banquets, bag-pipers, and more, so she quietly approached Al N7OMS asking if she might "piggy-back" a little, short ceremony onto his Salmon Run potluck by bringing a birthday cake.

Suddenly, a huge, full page spread burst out in the BARK, in full color, depicting me in a heroic stance, literally laid back on a mountain top,....in a chair, of all things. I started my 15 days of fame for being a survivor with "90 years of experience" (of breathing, actually) I really appreciate all those "Happy Birthday" wishes and good feelings. I truly was surprised to see such a great turnout for the salmon and me. It makes all those 90 years' worth of breaths worthwhile!for Worth for sure.

The bathing beauty is me about 1926 at Long Beach CA My first boat I guess.



The card with so many signatures and good wishes was so great.



The card from Maureen recalling our shared experiences in Okinawa, she as a student, I as a teacher, at Kubasaki American High School in different years, really brought tears to my eyes. The special "Bee and Flower" fragrant oriental soap, popular in Okinawa, she located after much searching, really brought back memories of that intriguing island.

My year teaching in Kubasaki High School was one of the best of my career, in large part because of amateur radio and the great spirit there. First of all, there was a "Technology Club" that I took over as faculty sponsor, but I added amateur radio including code classes which we held Wednesday evenings in a flight simulator portable on Kadena AB with the help of the NCOIC, a ham. After code practice the students could work the simulator, often nose diving into Naha.



Some of my physics students, many National Honor Society members, got involved in helping me set up an AF MARS station in a Kubasaki HS back room with a complete Collins station including large Henry amplifier, all of which I found stored away on a back shelf of a science store room. The students helped me construct a longwire V beam out of surplus wire on the high school's flat roof and nearby jungle.

They got Class C amateur licenses, but because of Japanese rules could only operate on the MARS nets, which they did with great signals. The next year after I transferred to Germany (for the skiing, actually) they carried on and expanded that station and the closed circuit TV station we had started. I know that one of these students in that Kubasaki HS MARS club went on to MIT and established his own software company in the US and Japan. I am sure others did well as they all seemed to have exceptionally great attitudes and school spirit.

For better or worse, during a substantial part of that 90 years I have been a licensed ham, starting on the day after April Fools' in 1935. I never, in my earlier days, was accomplished at working DX stations in Asia and Europe, so for many years I moved to those places to work them as locals or in-person.

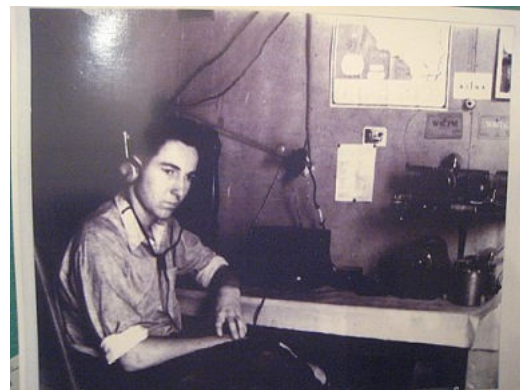


The picture of "the bandid" was when I was about 5th or 6th grade and I had a 22 blank pistol and a 22 revolver, a 7-shooter.



My first trip to the Grand Canyon in 1927.

Around 1931 Mac Parks and I as 7th or 8th graders "reinvented radio" in our own way on the shores of Lake Ellsinore CA, finally getting proper ham assistance enabling Mac in Ellsinore and I - by that time moved back east to Massachusetts - to get our amateur class B radio licenses in the same year of 1935. (Of course, by then, Morel had been licensed and very active in ham radio for 3 years).



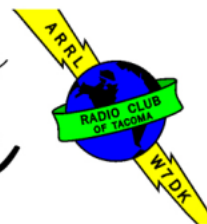
With our one tube transmitters and two tube receivers we worked each other on 20m CW, exchanged QSL's and lost track of each other for 52 years. Mac and Betty moved up here from California and Mac, Morel and I devoted ourselves to the Radio Club and, especially, to the Old Oak Rig until Mac suffered strokes and became a Silent Key. (Mac had become the best CW operator I have ever known) Our early amateur radio interest and experience was the foundation for our later careers in each case.....

Mac W6NBD (SK)

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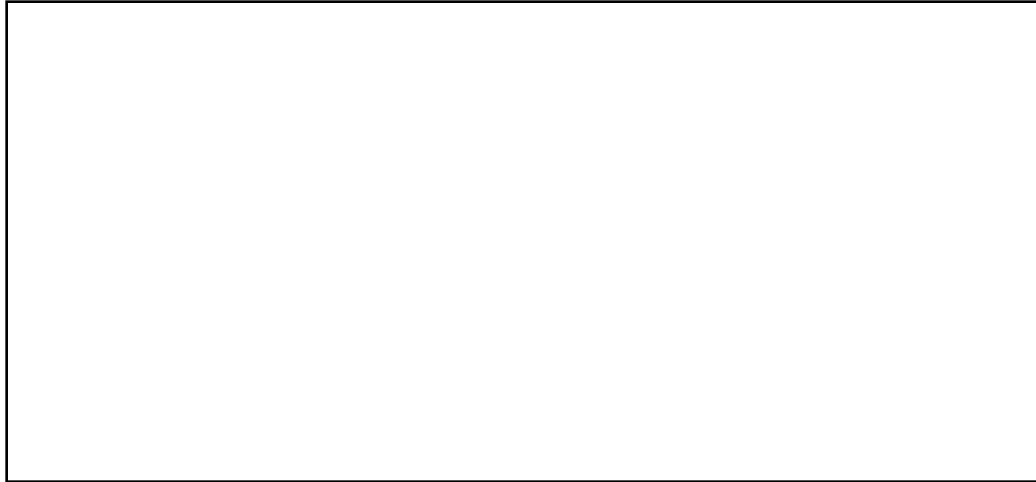
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Board Meeting: Wednesday October 1st, 7:30 PM at the RCT clubhouse. All members are welcome.

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